

The NB-PEI Branch of the Canadian Public Health Association has some news and announcements to share!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BRANCH PRESIDENT

The Board of the NB PEI Branch of the CPHA has been working hard lately to reorient its activities so that we can be more relevant to our branch membership, and in turn create more participation from both new and current members. We have had opportunities to network with other provincial-territorial public health associations to see what they are doing, and are planning some changes that we hope will be well received.

- We have developed a strategic plan which will be modified on a biennial basis.
- We will be offering opportunities for members and those interested in joining the Branch to attend open Board meetings, where they can participate in discussions and participate in learning activities.
- We are planning to organize more frequent and local continuing education opportunities for our members in addition to our biennial meeting and conference.
- We are moving away from the traditional newsletter format in order to provide succinct electronic updates that will keep members in the loop.
- We are working towards an updated and streamlined website that will document our activities.
- We have committed to engage in positive advocacy activities that will raise the profile of the branch in NB and PEI

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me directly or any local Board member. Your participation is vital to the sustainability of the NB PEI Branch!

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UPCOMING OPEN MEETING OF THE NB-PEI BRANCH

As a way to encourage member participation we will be offering the first of several opportunities for members and those interested in joining the Branch to attend open Board meetings. We hope you will join the discussions and participate in learning activities by webinar on **November 29th – 12pm-1pm**. A more detailed agenda and call in information will follow in another email.

The November meeting will include presentation from the Epidemiology sections of the NB and PEI Departments of Health on local population health status, trends, and other highlights from local and national surveillance such as the Canadian Community Health Survey.

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

Two Knowledge Exchange workshops were offered in early November (Moncton and Fredericton) by National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools in partnership with Correctional Service Canada and NB-PEI Branch of the Canadian Public Health Association. Here is a brief summary of what participants learned:

1 - Evidence-Informed Decision Making in Public Health

A practical hands-on workshop especially for public health practitioners, program managers/directors and staff responsible for the planning and delivery of public health programs and services.

2 - Critical appraisal practice session

This hands-on practical workshop will demonstrate the overall process of evidence-informed public health and specifically focus on the critical appraisal of research evidence. (People who attended the EIDM workshop in March 2011 may be interested in this more focused practice session.)

NB-PEI Branch of the Canadian Public Health Association hopes to continue to explore new partnerships and innovative ways to offer similar opportunities to members in the future.

2012 CPHA National Conference

The 2012 CPHA National Conference will be held June 11-14 in Edmonton, Alberta. **Members in good standing of the NB-PEI Branch of CPHA may enter their name for a draw to cover their registration fee. Please submit your name to the Board by December 31, 2010 to be included in the draw!**



Canadian Public Health Association 2012 Conference

**Public Health in Canada:
Creating and Sustaining
Healthy Environments**

Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton, Alberta • June 11-14, 2012

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If you'd like to submit an article or upcoming event, or if you do not wish to receive future e-Bulletins from the NB-PEI CPHA, let us know by contacting Kathleen Brennan (kmbrennan@gov.pe.ca). Thanks!